

IDEA EXCHANGE

This section of the *BULLETIN* is being devoted to new ideas which have proved of value in CDC activities. The purpose of this section is to exchange ideas among operating units of CDC. Contributions from the field are solicited. Any idea developed locally that can have wider application, even if not new, is welcome. Send it in!

Rat Bag Holder

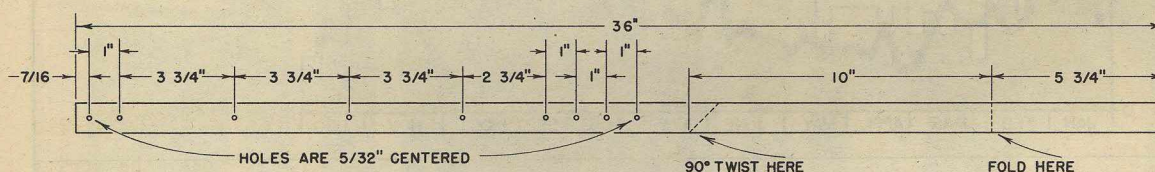
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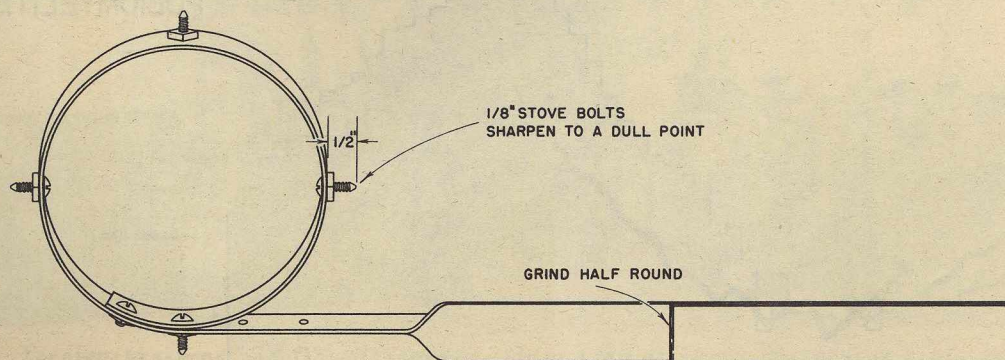
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The idea for this device grew out of the difficulty which both new and old typhus control aides were having in transferring rats from traps to bags for subsequent combing and bleeding. It used to take two men to do this without danger of being bitten or losing the rat. One man, using this device, can do the job more efficiently and safely.

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

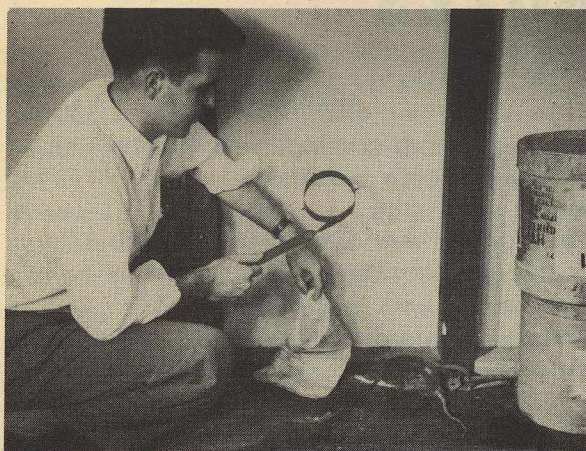


BEND AND DRILL DETAIL FOR RAT BAG HOLDER
5/64"x1" WROUGHT STRAP IRON

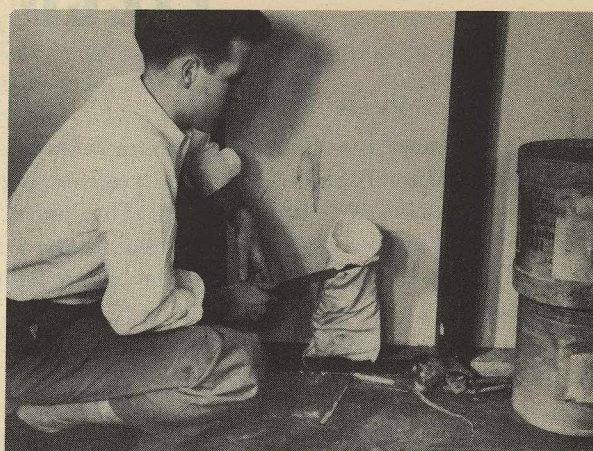


FINISHED RAT BAG HOLDER

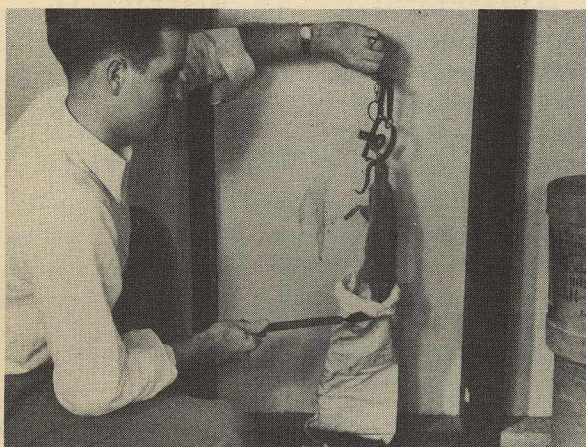
HOLDER IN USE



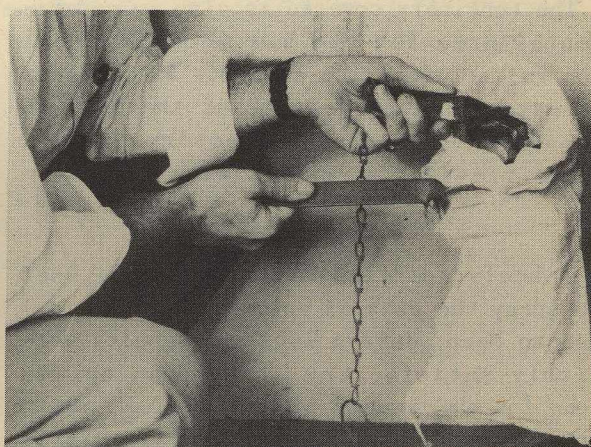
1. THE PROBLEM - To get the trapped rat into the bag without being bitten or losing the rat. Standifer holds the Rat Bag Holder and the bag.



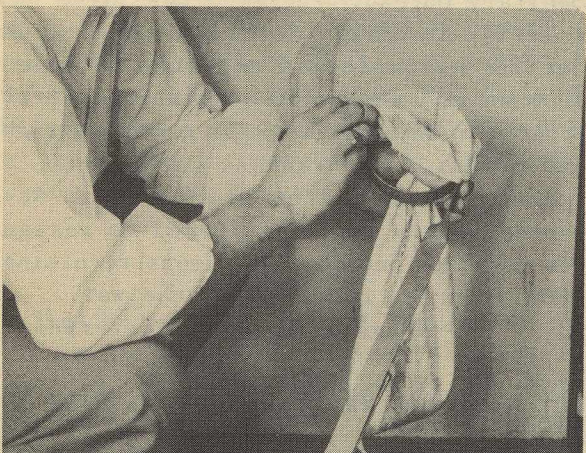
2. The bag has been inserted through the Holder and hooked over the sides on the sharpened stove bolts. Note the large opening.



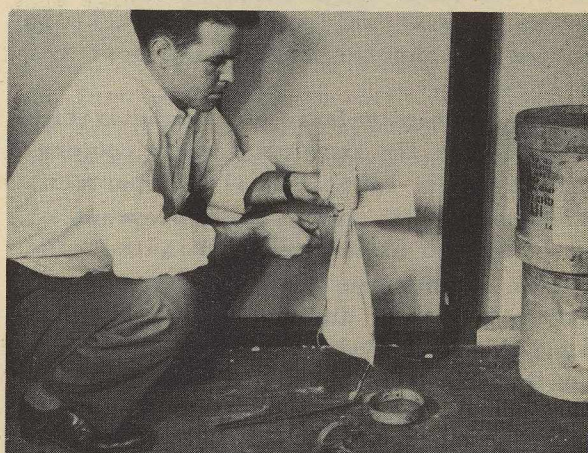
3. The trap is picked up by the chain, and the rat is inserted into the bag held open by the Holder. Neither hand is near the rat.



4. When the rat is well into the bag, the spring clip of the trap is squeezed to release the rat, which falls to the bottom of the bag.



5. The bag is closed off immediately below the Holder, and removed from the Holder.



6. The bag is then tagged, ready to be carried to the laboratory where the rat is combed and bled.